

U. S. Court of Appeals Hands Down Decision in Buckeye Cotton Oil Co.

New Orleans, La., Jan. 27.—The United States Circuit Court of Appeals has just affirmed a judgment of the United States District Court at Jackson, Miss., declaring the Buckeye Cotton Oil Company a nuisance and awarding damages to Mrs. Mary Ragland and her niece, Miss Mildred Ross, who were represented by Attorney S. D. Redmond.

The suit was filed in 1923. Mrs. Ragland and Miss Ross charged that the Buckeye Cotton Oil Company conducted its mill in such a manner as to cause large amounts of dust, lint and debris to fly from its mill over the home of Mrs. Ragland, which is directly in front of the mill. They charged that this dust, lint and debris had caused them much annoyance and worry for a long time and its inhalation had made them ill and impaired their health.

The United States District Court at Jackson, Miss., rendered a judgment in favor of Mrs. Ragland and Miss Ross. The Buckeye Cotton Oil Company appealed to the United States Circuit Court here. The judgment of the lower court was affirmed.

The total amount to be assessed against the Buckeye Cotton Oil Company will be more than \$10,000. This will include damages as well as court costs. The company will be enjoined from operating its mill in such a way as to constitute a nuisance.

The Buckeye Cotton Oil Company mill is probably the largest industrial plant in Jackson, Miss. They were represented by Attorneys Watkins, Watkins and Eager and Densmore, Shohl and Sawyer. Attorney Redmond appeared for Mrs. Ragland and Miss Ross in both courts.